

In the Office Action the Examiner rejected the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the patent to Topchiashvili in view of the patents to Takahashi and Holloway.

Claims 4 and 10-11 are rejected over these references and further in view of the patent to Doris.

With the present communication applicants have submitted a Declaration confirming that the inventors are applicants of the U.S. patent *patent application 10/826001* and that they are inventors of the subject matter and any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventors of this application and thus was not the invention "by another".

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It is therefore believed that the rejection of the original claims based on the Topchiavilli reference should be considered as no longer tenable and should be withdrawn.

As for the other references, they do not teach the new features of the present invention as defined in the claims.

Therefore any combination of the references would not lead to the present invention as defined in the claims.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.